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Today's Topics:

    Coots at SBS (was Re: Lost petition for VHF/UHF beams)  
        Give a VE \$5.60, walk out with a ham license...  
            Ham-Policy Digest V93 #207  
        Lost petition for VHF/UHF beams (6 msgs)  
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Date: Thu, 08 Jul 93 17:12:08 GMT  
From: csus.edu!netcom.com!netcomsv!orchard.la.locus.com!prodnet.la.locus.com!  
lando.la.locus.com!dana@decwrl.dec.com  
Subject: Coots at SBS (was Re: Lost petition for VHF/UHF beams)  
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In article <9307081402.AA03144@ucsd.edu>  
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>Of course, you don't have to be retirement age to be a Coot, but it can help.

This is evidenced by the SBS gang, none of which have ever posted a useful article to the Usenet, and all of them, according to the callsign database, are young.

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\* dana@locus.com   DoD #466       | reflect those of my employer  
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\* This Extra supports the abolition of the 13 and 20 WPM tests \*

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Date: 8 Jul 1993 14:58:38 -0700  
From: dog.ee.lbl.gov!overload.lbl.gov!agate!howland.reston.ans.net!usc!  
cs.utexas.edu!asuvax!chnews!ornews.intel.com!ornews.intel.com!not-for-  
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>>> Secondly, the waiting period serves a very useful purpose. It forces a  
>>> new licensee to \*listen\* to the practice of amateur radio before they can  
>>> transmit, in order to learn how it's done.

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Hmm. Possibly this also serves as a "cooling off" period during which the new licensee may re-evaluate whether or not he/she really wanted to put the hammer down. Many senseless transmissions are doubtless avoided this way.

On the other hand, if they just grab a radio and start bellowing into it they might never learn about terms like "destinated", "terminated", "QSL" "HI HI" and other procedural phrases of those in the know.

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Subject: Ham-Policy Digest V93 #207  
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: Andrew Wilkinson / / cheeky@cast.edu.jm / / 6Y5KW@6Y5RA.KIN.JAM.CAR :
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: " Education is the Key to unlock the doors of the FUTURE " :
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Date: Thu, 8 Jul 1993 13:52:42 GMT  
From: pa.dec.com!nntpd2.cxo.dec.com!nntpd.lkg.dec.com!otters.enet.dec.com!  
j\_otterson@decwrl.dec.com  
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Todd,

I think it is time to paint your house purple with green trim, and start raising hogs. Also start riding a dirt bike with a straight pipe in a small oval track around your house. Loud parties, Chainsaw at 6:00 am, etc. Tell your neighbors you have taken up some new hobbies since you cannot enjoy your amateur radio hobby without higher antennae.

If you can't beat 'em, piss 'em off.

B-)

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| Jeff Otterson | The opinions expressed here are |  
| j\_otterson@star.enet.dec.com | mine. Noone else should be held |  
| Digital Equipment Corporation | responsible for my actions. |  
| 110 Spit Brook Rd. Nashua, NH | CENSORSHIP IS THE TOOL OF TYRANTS |  
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<unreasonable one! Why should anyone need more than a rubber duck in  
<their basement, what with repeaters and all? No, you were definitely  
<way out of line here. Go thou forth and impale yourself on the Wouff

kim - it'd be funny if it didn't already happen.

was at a meeting with a city board where some old coot popped up and started blathering on and on about how we can talk "all over" with repeaters and how

you could work the Whole City with just a rubber duck antenna inside your house etc.

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meeting went from very positive to damage control and in an area with lots of old folks with perceived political power, an old coot carries a disproportionate share of the weight in a discussion with political entities.

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Of course, you don't have to be retirement age to be a Coot, but it can help. You just have to have a superficial interest in amateur radio - with no interest to pursue the full richness of the amateur service beyond ritual communications to others with the same lack of interest.

bill wb9ivr

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Date: Thu, 8 Jul 1993 17:51:07 GMT  
From: mentor.cc.purdue.edu!noose.ecn.purdue.edu!dynamo.ecn.purdue.edu!  
wb9omc@purdue.edu  
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Most decent organizational constitutions have a means for  
the removal of a member from the roles for any number of reasons. If  
someone is so disruptive that the organization cannot even conduct  
business, boot their asses out.

There is no reason why these guys, coots or not, should not be  
expected to act like civilized individuals. If they will not, punt them.

Duane  
WB9OMC

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>meeting that they believe "these sorts of things are an eyesore", etc.

GAAAAAHHHHHH!!!! That's the sort of pig-ignorant, pre-phillistine  
sort of snobbery that needs to be fought tooth and nail. I wonder  
if they're even smart enough to consider that you and your gear and  
your \*antennas\* might save their asses someday during severe weather  
or whatever other emergency.....

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>had recommended approval of the special use petition) my neighbors banded

>together and came up with every excuse in the book. Amateur radio  
>interferes with:

> - telephones  
> 911 calls  
          ^^^^^^^^  
      OH? Prove it!

> business calls  
  
      Again, like the man from Missouri....show me....

> - televisions  
> - radios  
> - SIDs monitors  
> - baby monitors  
> - garage door openers  
> - Many more, too numerous to list

      Make them prove it.

>EMF causes cancer. Antennas blow over in strong winds and damage  
                                  ^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^

      Yeah, like EMF from televisions, radios, SIDs monitors, baby  
monitors, garage door openers and etc. DON'T have any effects. Like  
the power lines installed by the local-government supported monopoly  
power company doesn't. Right.

>surrounding homes. Outdoor antennas weren't allowed in this development.

      Like trees and power poles never do, I suppose?

>73,  
>Todd  
>N9MWB Exiled in snobsville, IL.

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that behaves this way. Circulate said listing to ALL amateur radio ops  
and their freinds so we know where NOT to move, and further, who to  
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only area they understand....their wallets.

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WB9OMC

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Date: Thu, 8 Jul 1993 18:18:12 +0000

From: pipex!libmpcug!demon!llondel.demon.co.uk!dave@uunet.uu.net  
Subject: Lost petition for VHF/UHF beams  
To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

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> surrounding homes. Outdoor antennas weren't allowed in this development.  
> They're a blight. They lower property values and marketability. They're a  
> public nuisance. We have a petition signed by 300 homes. They invade our  
> privacy.

>  
In that case, isn't it a shame that a \*lower\* antenna will cause a greater  
field strength around all these items and thus increase any potential  
problems :-)

Added to the fact that you will need to run more power to compensate for the  
lower antenna height.

I doubt if it will change anything but you could bring up the subject cos  
it might give you some amusement.

Dave

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* G4WRW @ GB7WRW.#41.GBR.EU AX25      *   You think *you* have problems?   *
* dave@llondel.demon.co.uk Internet *   What do you do if you *are*      *
* g4wrw@g4wrw.ampr.org      Amprnet  *   a manically depressed robot??   *
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Date: Thu, 8 Jul 1993 23:02:43 -0400  
From: magnesium.club.cc.cmu.edu!news.sei.cmu.edu!bb3.andrew.cmu.edu!  
andrew.cmu.edu!dd3u+@uunet.uu.net  
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>only area they understand....their wallets.

What are the 500K US amateurs going to do?

If we don't move there, nobody will notice. We would just be  
cutting down our own options.

They'll complain about the rising local taxes, and it will never  
cross their mind that a big chunk of what they may consider emergency  
preparedness

communications stuff would have been contributed for free by HAMS.

Perhaps we could make a larger economic impact if we... uh...  
"marketed ourselves better" (Hate that phrase)

We need to convince John Doe US Citizen that those tall metal towers and  
the occasional static on their TV screen is a sign of a properly operating  
Emergency Communications System, and that no matter what happens, he/she  
lives within walking distance of a spectacularly effective Emergency  
Command Center that will remain operational even when all civilized  
communication channels have failed.

We need John Doe US to feel nervous in neighborhoods where that guy with  
the ham callsign license plates is playing with slinkys hung from  
wood stakes in the back yard, installing little tiny wires that people  
arn't supposed to be able to see that keep blowing down, and routinely  
standing on top of the roof, holding an HT above their head, and yelling  
into  
the speakermike... ;-)

KD6ACL  
David Donley  
dd3u+@andrew.cmu.edu

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Date: Wed, 7 Jul 1993 11:51:46 GMT  
From: elroy.jpl.nasa.gov!usc!howland.reston.ans.net!darwin.sura.net!  
knuth.mtsu.edu!raider!theporch!jackatak!root@ames.arpa  
Subject: Rptr trustee id



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Do go to the meeting and DO ask for reasons. By doing that, you establish  
a paper trail which you can use if you choose to appeal their decision.  
You can then request a copy of the meeting minutes for your case.

Bill K2UNK, ARRL Local Government Liason

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References <1993Jul2.183852.4804@Csl.Stanford.EDU>, <C9K996.7vL@fc.hp.com>,  
<john.741668917@misty>  
Subject : Re: NQOI Case : HF Vertical Antennas

john@anasazi.com (John R. Moore) writes:

>Finally, a flame...

>We are behaving just like every other special interest group in appealing  
>to the Federal Government to resolve what is a LOCAL problem. I don't know  
>about you, but I would just as soon the Federal Government didn't tell my  
>local government how to operate (except for upholding the constitution).  
>--

I must disagree.

Amateur Radio is not licensed by local government, but by the Federal agency known as the FCC. If we put ANY part of our hobby in the hands of local government, we will have as many different rules and regs to follow as there ARE local governments.

Indeed, it would be far better for not only the hams in general but I suspect local folks if the FCC were to take charge of the antenna issue. It seems to me that most of the local ordinances regarding this issue are more about harrassment and commercial interest than they are about any serious threat to the public safety (or worse yet, some idiotic notion of the "aesthetic"....it would/will be far LESS aesthetic to have hundreds of dead bodies lying around after a tornado hit than to have had a few ham antennas sticking up and being used to give that little bit extra warning that could have saved those lives.).

As for appealing as a special interest group, we hams are gonna have to learn to play some better hardball than we have up to now. In the face of increasing spectrum pressure, we need to be able to have some means of justifying ourselves if we plan on continuing to HAVE a hobby in the future. If we allow some stupid local ordinance crap to prevent us from being able to \*adequately\* provide ANY emergency communications, then we are shooting ourselves in the feet on justification, and we are likely to lose far more than just 220 to 222.

There are several areas that need attention. The antenna issue is one of them. Hams need to get themselves exempted from outrageous scanner laws in some states as we are exempted here in Indiana. There are horror stories about hams having HT's confiscated by overzealous cops trying to enforce some stupid portable scanner law.

This should not and must not be tolerated - the FCC is the regulatory agency for Amateur Radio, not the cop down the street.

We need to do some butt-kicking in Washington with our congresscritters to get the FCC off their backsides and get some of our bad-apples OFF the air. Clowns like this moron on 28.325 using every foul word and phrase in the book need to be SHUT DOWN permanently and thrown in jail if that's what it takes to get them off the air. The more of these morons that can be heard, the worse we ALL look in the public eye, for THAT is what they'll remember, NOT the 98 or 99 percent of decent law-abiding hams.

Now having said all of the above, I will also say that I am one of the first who will say that we should shut down the avenues of influence for special interests. BUT - only when everyone gets decent representation out of his or her congresscritter can that happen. And we are gonna have to elect far better congresscritters than we have been for that to happen.

In order for Amateur Radio to not be considered just another special interest, major organizations like the ARRL need to start doing some outreach, and I mean MAJOR outreach efforts to get hams motivated into being more active in public safety and public relations. In order to do that, ARRL members need to get their directors to lay off the trivial tripe reagarding "what column should get published in QST" and get on with something current and important for ALL of Amateur Radio. The same thing goes for the rest of the ham groups.

Am I opinionated? You're damn right I am. It's because I am sick and tired of seeing some of my fellow hams getting screwed by some asswipe local beaurocrat who has nothing better to do while sucking up taxpayer money to sit on his butt.

Duane  
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> a radio until after their license comes in the mail. I would venture that  
> most people who would listen before their license came are also the sort  
> to have listened before they took the test. And there are certainly a large  
> portion of amateurs who have been licensed ffor years and still don't know  
> "how it's done."

You must be crazy. The day after I passed my tech exams I went and ordered my first radio, a Kenwood TH-27a. In fact, most people I've talked to bought their radios within a couple of days of passing their first exams.

As for hams that have been around for years and still don't know what to do, I have to agree with you there.

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Tony Pelliccio kd1nr/ae "Usenet is like a herd of performing elephants  
\*!\*!\*!\*!\*!\*!\*!\*!\*!\*!\* with diarrhea -- massive, difficult to  
system@garlic.sbs.com redirect, awe-inspiring, entertaining, and a  
----- source of mind-boggling amounts of excrement  
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phone and baby monitor frequencies. The mind boggles.

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-=Paul Flaherty, N9FZX | "The National Anthem has become The Whine."  
->paulf@Stanford.EDU | -- Charles Sykes, \_A Nation of Victims\_  
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